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(54) **Staphylococcus aureus polynucleotides and sequences**

(57) The present invention provides polynucleotide sequences of the genome of *Staphylococcus aureus*, polypeptide sequences encoded by the polynucleotide sequences, corresponding polynucleotides and polypeptides, vectors and hosts comprising the polynu-

cleotides, and assays and other uses thereof. The present invention further provides polynucleotide and polypeptide sequence information stored on computer readable media, and computer-based systems and methods which facilitate its use.

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